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PATENT APPLICATION (12)
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3682

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tomoya NISHIBATA et al.

Application No.: 09/584,769

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For: SCROLL THRUST BEARING

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated, August 21 2002, the period for response being extended to January 21, 2003, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

A Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections proposing red-line corrections to Figs. 2(a) and 2(b) is filed herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), the amended claim(s) are set forth in a marked-up version in the page(s) attached to this Amendment.

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1. (Twice Amended) The scroll thrust bearing of claim 24, wherein said pair of conical surfaces of the both-end conical roller are bonded at the bottom with the bonded bottom of the both conical surfaces having a junction surface including an arc section continuous to the both conical surfaces, so